

C. & F. BUREAU IS GOING SOME

NEW ONES ARE ADDED TO ROLLS

Membership Committee Pleased by Responses of Citizens; Planning to Push Progress of City; Soon Have General Meeting

That the well directed efforts to arouse renewed interest in the Grady County Commercial and Farm Bureau is being productive of results is evidenced by the fact that the committee which is working to increase the membership of that body met with most flattering success in the campaign conducted yesterday.

The committee, composed of Judge W. W. Clark, secretary, and Messrs. L. Hutson and Ben Morgan, as a result of efforts yesterday evening had a showing of 32 new firms and individuals added to the bureau's roster, while five firms which had dropped the membership applied for reinstatement.

The efforts of all wide-awake citizens and business men of the city will be directed toward the establishment of a bureau which will do all which may be consistently done to further the interests of Chickasha as the center, the capital, of one of the biggest and most wide-awake agricultural counties in Oklahoma. The organization as a combined farm and commercial body, the county-wide movement which has been maintained, has been most productive of results. The organization has done much toward letting the general, the outside world know that Grady county is on the map as one of the greatest agricultural counties to be found anywhere in any section of the entire country. There will be nothing come from henceforward on that will be calculated in any manner to detract from the value of the bureau along the old lines, but a united and a pull-together movement will now be made to let the general public, outside of Chickasha and Grady county, know that Chickasha is on the map; that Chickasha is the hub of this section of Oklahoma; that Chickasha will continue the tradition of all enterprises of meritorious things.

Mr. Hutson stated this morning, as did also Judge Clark, that none had been found in yesterday's canvass who were not willing to put the shoulder to the wheel and help the good thing along.

The members of the committee stated, further, that within a short time a "get-together" meeting would be held at which all matters of vital interest would be brought forward and discussed. This meeting will be one where everyone will be welcome, who has the betterment of Chickasha, the advancement of the better interests of Chickasha, the civic improvement of Chickasha near them. Suggestions will be welcomed from all, the best of all said will be made use of. An effort will be made to interest the ladies of the city in the matter, the members of the committee fully realizing the great factor they will be in the matter of all kinds of civic improvements.

Mr. Hutson stated that the Women's college will receive the hearty support of the institution and that means will be devised for enlarging its capacity of caring for students.

The good roads movement will receive a goodly share of the attention of the executive committees of the bureau, as will all other matters of vital interest.

The following list comprises the new membership added in yesterday's campaign:

Stephenson-Brown Lumber company, Davidson and Case Lumber company, William Cameron and company, Eagle Mercantile company, Dawson and Schuler, H. E. Marks, the Hub, Wron Drug company, Chalfant Hardware company, Kozay theater, Sugg theater, Claycomb and Anderson, Sol High, Howard Hampton, Fuller Insurance company, Wellborne and Bailey, Mrs.

M. B. Roddy, Martin's laundry, L. M. Chase, A. P. Thompson, J. E. Riddle, E. W. Lubman, Pat Toland, Conrad Eros, Jim Delmage, Webb Neal, Jno Wolverton "Ford," J. W. Merrell "Overland," W. C. Bullard, Lawrence Martin, John Hankins, Flatow Jewelry company.

The following "old members" re-enrolled yesterday: Chickasha hospital, the Enterprise, A. F. Rock, Kiess company, Linton Grain company.

In speaking of the efforts which are to be made by the Development department of the Commercial and Farm Bureau, Jonas Cook, chairman of that department stated that all members of the committee composing the membership of that particular department were anxious to co-operate with the mayor and with all city officials, as well as with the citizens of the city in general, in the matter of the improvement of the vacant lots, restraining the growth of weeds and grasses by the cultivation of those lots and the encouragement of owners of vacant lots.

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EMPRESS WILL OPEN SATURDAY

New Theatre is Complete; Modern and Attractive Outside and Inside; Sanitary and Fireproof; Pictures and Vaudeville

Under the efficient management of Lee Olive, the doors of the Empress theater will be thrown open tomorrow afternoon to the amusement lovers of Chickasha.

The Empress will be one of the most attractive amusement houses in Chickasha. Manager Olive having spared neither pains nor expenses in his efforts to make the building, both exterior and interior, attractive to all, while his efforts in securing only first class attractions is well known to those who love good, clean amusement.

The attractiveness of the Empress begins at the street and carries all the way back to the beautifully painted and decorated drop. A commodious outside lobby is protected by a substantial awning. Passing from the ticket window, entering from the right, the audience finds its way into another lobby, paved with tile, wainscoted with mirrors, from whence entrances is gained into the main portion of the theater.

In addition to an attractive and handsomely decorated "lounge," furnished with handsomely upholstered easy chairs, leather cushioned seats will be found in the Empress for 375 persons.

Manager Olive makes the following announcement:

"I wish to announce that the opening of the new Empress theater will be at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon, February 19. Beginning on that day the new Empress will be open daily for matinee attractions in the afternoon commencing at 2 o'clock and evening shows commencing at 7 o'clock.

"I believe the people of Chickasha will find in the Empress, a little play house very complete. It being equipped with everything modern required to make such a house comfortable, sanitary, convenient and fireproof. In doing this I have placed the best of seats, arranged the best of ventilation taking in plenty of fresh air and letting out impure air. The house is as nearly fire proof as can be made, complying with the fire insurance requirements.

"The style of plays at the Empress at this time will be the best pictures and as good vaudeville as can be obtained and the very best music.

"I appreciate very much the patronage given me at the Sugg, and I assure the people of Chickasha that it is my desire to run the Empress theater on the same high standard as I have conducted the management of the Sugg theater.

J. L. OLIVE, Mgr."

RUSSIANS NOW NEAR TREBIZOND

Czar's Army Advances to Within 50 Miles of Important Turkish Port; Beirut is Captured; Armenians are Relieved

ANNIVERSARY OF TEUTON SUB POLICY

Rumors of Efforts to Celebrate by Sending Ships to Bottom; Heavy Toll of Tonnage and Lives Taken During Year

By United Press.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Following the capture of the great Turkish fortress of Erzerum, as reported by the Grand Duke Nicholas a few days ago, the Russian right wing of the Russian army in the Caucasus has advanced to within fifty miles of the important Turkish seaport of Trebizond, on the Black sea, according to dispatches from Petrograd today.

Reports say the ancient city of Beirut, situated between Erzerum and Trebizond, has already fallen before the advancing Slay forces. The fall of Trebizond is expected with a fortnight. The Russians are already ameliorating the conditions of the Armenians, it is claimed. The wholesale execution of the Turkish civil officials, who are held responsible for the outrages against the Armenians is predicted.

Year of Sub. Operations.

By United Press.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—Today is the anniversary of the inauguration of the policy of torpedoing merchant vessels by Admiral von Tirpitz, the head of the German navy.

Rumors reached Dutch cities that the commanders of German submarines would make a supreme effort to celebrate the day by sending several ships to the bottom.

According to German estimates, 800 allied and neutral merchantmen, with a total tonnage of one million four hundred thousand have been sunk by submarines during the year.

In the same operation two thousand non-combatants, including 118 Americans, have been killed. The British claim that between eighteen and forty German submarines have been destroyed or captured.

Swedes Warn Citizens.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 18.—Dispatches received here say that Sweden, replying to the Teutonic proclamation

WEATHER FORECAST.

For Oklahoma.

Tonight, fair, colder; Saturday, fair.
Local Temperature.
During twenty-four hours ending 8 a. m. today:
Maximum, 76 degrees.
Minimum, 35 degrees.

HOUSTON IS SLATED FOR WAR POST?

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 18.—That President Wilson is now seeking a suitable man for the post of secretary of agriculture, not for secretary of war, is the belief of those close to him.

This situation, it is said, is the result of the president's having practically decided to give David H. Houston the present secretary of agriculture, the vacant war portfolio.

The names of many prominent eastern and middle western attorneys have been suggested as possibilities for secretary of agriculture, but nothing approaching a confirmation of any of the many rumors in this connection is possible.

BUY BONDS OF BRITISH

By United Press.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—It was announced today that J. P. Morgan and company, for the account of the British treasury, had sold to the United States Steel corporation \$22,800,000 of that corporation's first mortgage 5 per cent bonds.

This is the first instance of an American corporation having taken back securities from Europe, with the intention of retiring the issue.

GRASS FIRE CATCHES BUILDING

A grass fire at 323 Oregon avenue called out No. 2 of the Chickasha fire department at 1:45 this afternoon. The flames had communicated to the corner of the house when the alarm was turned in. Quick work on the part of the firemen extinguished the flames before any material damage had been done.

announcing that all armed merchantmen will be attacked after February 29 without warning, has warned Swedish citizens not to travel on such vessels.

MAINTAINS INNOCENCE OF MURDER

Hans Schmidt Goes to Death Chair Denying Responsibility for Killing Girl Whose Body Was Found in River

"GIVE MOTHER MY LAST GOOD WISH"

Condemned Man Breaks into Words of Prison Chaplain to "Beg Forgiveness of All Whom I Have Scandalized"

By United Press.

OSINGTON, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Hans Schmidt, alleged unfrocked priest, was executed by electrocution in the Sing Sing prison for the murder of Anna Ammiller at dawn this morning.

Through his attorney, the condemned man issued statements last night denying that he killed the girl whose body was cut to pieces and thrown into East river. He asserted that she died from the effects of an illegal operation.

Calm and collected as he walked to the death chair, Schmidt shouted good byes to 20 condemned men in the death house.

Turning suddenly at the rubber mat in front of the chair, holding a crucifix before him, throwing aside the arms of the guards who guided him, Schmidt exclaimed, "One moment, please; one minute until I have my say."

Ignoring the guards, Schmidt addressed the men who sat nearby on the benches as witnesses, saying, "I beg the forgiveness of all whom I have offended or scandalized. I forgive all who have offended against me."

"My Lord and my God I must," interrupted the prison chaplain, Father Casrin repeating ritualistic words, but Schmidt, uttering the words hurriedly after the third repetition by the priest, hastened on with his statement.

"My last thought is for my mother," rang out his voice. "Please give my mother my last good wish. It is for her."

"My Lord and my God," again interrupted Father Casrin, Schmidt then began quietly repeating the prayer and at its conclusion he sat down and died without a sound. He was given three contacts, one of 880 volts and the other of 551 volts. He was pronounced dead at 5:59.

The mother of Schmidt lives in Germany. Father Casrin claimed the body in her behalf.

FLOUR IS RECOVERED AND NEGRO CAUGHT

The police department and the sheriff's office did a rushing business for a short time at an early hour this morning in the matters of corraling flour and Ethiopians.

Answering an alarm turned in by P. C. Clark, a negro whose horse and wagon had been commandeered by the flour artists, Officer Berry Williamson of the police force, Deputy Castleman of the sheriff's force and Eldon Bailey, watchman for the Rock Island, went to the residence of Gus Williams, on "Two" street, near Texas avenue, and landed Gus, Emmett and Vernie Williams behind the bars. Oscar Downs, said to have mixed in the flour stealing stunt, made his getaway and is supposed to be somewhere in the Canadian bottoms.

Officers recovered seven sacks of flour, found in an outhouse near Gus Williams house; two sacks, found in the house and two lard cans, 50 lbs. capacity each, filled with flour, in the Williams house. The flour was all "Expansion" brand and was taken from a car in the Rock Island yards, consigned to the Moore Grain company of this city.

J. M. WHITE, DEAD.

J. M. White died at his home 13 miles southeast of Chickasha Thursday afternoon, aged 66 years. His body was brought to Chickasha last evening and was interred in the Odd Fellows' cemetery this afternoon. The funeral services were held at the residence of J. E. Holland, 710 North Eleventh street, Rev. H. P. Haley of the Second Baptist church, officiating. Deceased is survived by a widow, by two grown children, a sister and two brothers, one in the state of Ohio and other in Talahina, Le Flore county, Okla. Mr. White had been a resident of Grady county over eight years.

MME. LUCY THOUMAIA



Mme. Lucy Thomaian, wife of an Armenian Christian member of the Turkish parliament, is in Washington promoting the organization of a union of neutral nations to bring about peace.

WORD WAR IS STAGED IN SENATE

Lodge and Sterling Sharply Attack Reported Administration Policy Toward Submarine Warfare; Thomas Says Politics Back of It

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 18.—Sharp debates in the senate today followed attacks that were made on the foreign policy of the administration by Senators Lodge and Sterling.

The two Republican members declared that the reported course of the administration toward possible approval of the submarine policy of the central powers was a step toward embroiling this country in the war.

Senator Thomas then read into the record more recent reports to the effect that no such approval was intended by the administration. The senator then charged that such attacks were made for political effect.

GLEE CLUB MAKES HIT

The Glee club of the A. & M. college 21 members strong, entertained a large and appreciative audience at the high school auditorium last night. The numbers were well rendered and were well received, encores calling for the repetition of many of the selections.

The evening was a success financially as well as from an amusement standpoint, three-fourths of the proceeds of the door going to defray the expenses of the glee club, the remaining one-fourth being turned into the fund which the high school is setting aside for the purchase of a fine Victrola at an early date.

Arrangements are being made which will bring the Oklahoma University Glee club to Chickasha at an early date. This club has 40 members in it and is known as one of the best aggregations of school talent to be found in the southwest.

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NEW LAW ACCEPTED BY BRITISH

No Split Over Conscription; Government Preferred Domestic Row to Revealing Military Secrets; Organized Labor Yields to Inevitable

UNION REGULATIONS THROWN OVERBOARD

Sacrifice Ideal for Sake of Victory; Package from North Carolina Ladies Comes Too Late to Aid Suffering Serbs

By ED L. KEEN.

(United Press Staff Correspondent.) NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—It would be the greatest possible mistake for any one to assume that the recent wrangle in England over the question of conscription indicated a lack of interest on the part of the anti in the successful prosecution of the war.

The whole row might have been prevented had the government seen fit to take the British people into its confidence and show them in detail just why a modified form of conscription was necessary. But there were military reasons, so it was said, why such a course was inadvisable.

Rather than impart any possible useful information to the enemy, the British administration actually prepared to run the risk of itself being overturned.

So there was an awful squabble, and for a time it seemed as if the government would surely collapse. The anti-conscriptionists finally yielded, but without surrendering their principles.

Having once become convinced that some degree of compulsory military service was necessary in order to win the war, they promptly put their principles on the shelf.

Wherefore there is presented the amazing spectacle of what is now a conscriptionist cabinet containing among its ablest and most conscientious members three men who had always been fundamentally opposed to conscription in any form.

Organized labor, although as a matter of principle still arguing against compulsion, has accepted the inevitable. But more than that the leaders have entered into a solemn compact with Premier Asquith whereby the ordinary trade union regulations have been thrown overboard for the period of the war so that women and unskilled laborers may perform certain tasks hitherto allotted only to skilled workmen, thus releasing the latter for the more difficult and technical jobs in the munitions industry.

There will be no anti-conscription riots in England. It is one of the Britisher's peculiar traits that he does his revolting before an unpopular law goes on the statute books. Thereafter he always submits, although sometimes with a wry face.

It was so in that case of Lloyd George's national insurance scheme, and more recently when under the defense of the realm act public drinking hours were cut from 18 to 5 1/2 a day and treating was prohibited.

True, the bill as finally passed provided for only a sort of sugarcoated conscription. A lot of exemptions were arranged, so that the law will actually bring into the army only about half a million additional men; but the big outstanding fact is that the anti-conscriptionists temporarily sacrificed one ideal to the sake of one they believed to be a greater—Victory for the allies. It was the finest demonstration yet afforded of the present fighting spirit of England.

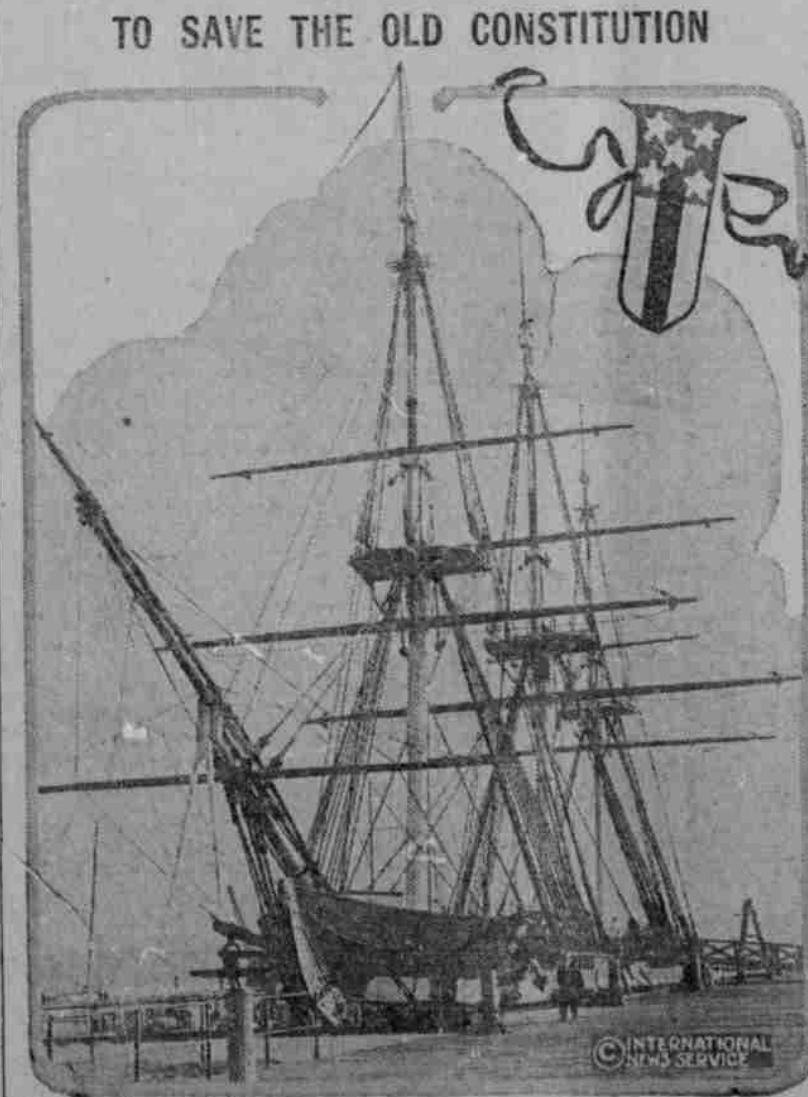
Wiped Out Before Gift Arrived.

By WILLIAM G. SHERHERD.

(United Press Staff Correspondent.) SALONICA, Greece, Jan. 29.—(By Mail.)—The battered package that ever arrived for wounded soldiers on any battlefield has at last reached Salonica. This will be of interest to the ladies of Flat Rock, North Carolina, who sent it.

Its wrappings are torn, its wax seals broken and smashed, but its contents, twelve pounds of cotton bandages, carefully prepared by the southern

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Congress has been asked to appropriate \$150,000 to restore the famous old frigate Constitution, which is here shown as it lies rotting in the Charlestown navy yard.